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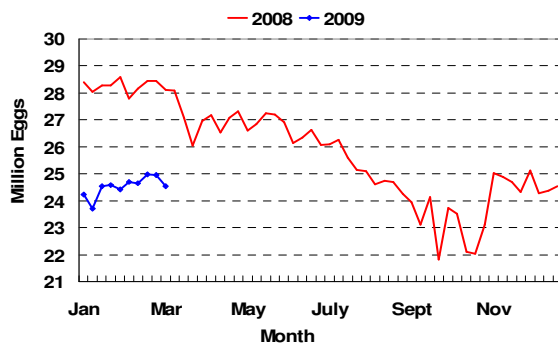
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 13 Percent from Last Year

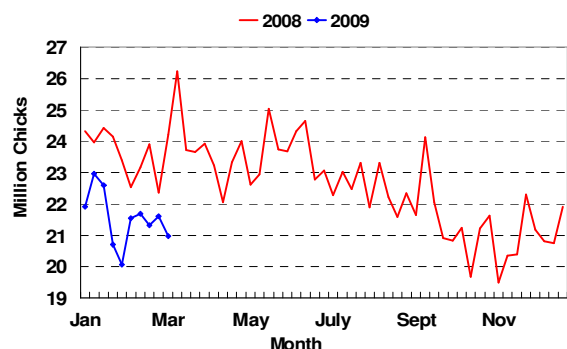
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.0 million during the week ending March 7, 2009. Placements were down 13 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 7, 2009, down 13 percent from the same period last year and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 7, 2009 - March 7, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	7-Feb	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	7-Feb	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,023	29,635 *	29,086	29,265 *	28,876	19,762	20,291	20,365 *	20,080	20,946
Arkansas	24,710	24,642 *	24,980	24,969 *	24,543	21,546	21,696	21,320	21,596 *	20,959
Delaware	3,480	3,304	3,466	3,703	3,525	4,580	3,975	4,656	4,655	5,154
Florida	1,027	1,021	1,020	1,008	1,005	778	852	741	741	741
Georgia	32,527	32,711	32,818	33,109	32,643	27,161	28,180	26,910	26,341	26,427
Kentucky	7,299 *	7,832 *	7,167	7,795	7,830	6,032	6,523	4,478	5,838 *	6,855
Louisiana	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,470	2,230	3,224	3,031	3,655	3,331	3,240
Maryland	8,095	8,779	8,866	9,047	8,851	6,159	5,083	5,217	5,307	5,063
Mississippi	17,475	17,692	17,891	17,894	18,035	16,300	15,631	15,655	16,135	16,579
N. Carolina	18,607	18,218 *	18,863	18,762	18,882	15,082	15,292	15,507	15,443 *	15,024
Oklahoma	6,814	6,939 *	6,834	6,772	6,891	4,453	4,549	4,529	4,783	5,373
Pennsylvania	3,810	3,565	4,190 *	4,168 *	3,918	3,054	3,093	3,121 *	3,111 *	2,786
S. Carolina	5,719	5,589	5,789	5,628	5,436	5,650	4,765	4,543	5,664	4,844
Texas	15,457 *	15,555 *	15,558 *	15,624 *	15,622	13,045 *	13,208 *	12,650 *	13,189 *	13,336
Virginia	5,535	5,749	5,943	5,939	5,954	4,631	5,289	4,512	4,303	4,885
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,830 *	18,093 *	19,269 *	19,716 *	19,087	16,541 *	15,563 *	15,496 *	16,188 *	15,349
19 State Total	201,878 *	202,794 *	205,210 *	206,869 *	203,328	167,998 *	167,021 *	163,355 *	166,705 *	167,561
Prev. Year Total	217,271	218,479	219,311	219,830	219,337	176,413	177,543	178,240	177,627	179,798
% of Prev. Year	93	93	94	94	93	95	94	92	94	93

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 7, 2009. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 7, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 7, 2009 were 1.67 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.